

*Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park  
Park Advisory Commission Meeting*

December 13, 2007

Strasburg Town Hall  
Strasburg, Virginia

Agenda

- I) General Introduction
- II) Approval of Sarah Mauck, town of Strasburg representative
- III) Review and Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2007
- IV) GMP status update
- V) Commissioner bios
- VI) "The Future of Federal Appropriations," Justin Unger, NPS Washington Office
- VII) "Partnering for Mission Accomplishment," Rich Fedorchak, NPS, Mather Training Center
- VIII) "Law Enforcement in National Parks," Lane Baker, NPS Washington Office
- IX) Old Business
- X) New Business
- XI) Next Meeting, March 20, 2008, Middletown Town Hall

Meeting Notes

Commission members in attendance: Fred Andreae; Mary Bowser; Gene Dicks; Patrick Farris; Diann Jacox, Designated Federal Official (DFO); Randy Jones; Howard Kittell; Sarah Mauck; Elizabeth McClung; Jim Smalls; and Kris Tierney, chair.

Commission members absent: Roy Downey, Gary Rinkerman, and Dan Stickley.

Others in attendance: John Adamson, Belle Grove; Lane Baker, NPS; Sally Coates, Winchester-Frederick County Convention and Visitors' Bureau; Rich Fedorchak, NPS; Bob Grogg, NPS volunteer; Robert Igoe, *Winchester Star*; Pam Sheets, Shenandoah County Parks and Recreation Department; Steve Shipe; Beth Stern, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation; Chris Stubbs, NPS; Justin Unger, NPS; and Elizabeth Wilkerson, *Northern Virginia Daily*.

Chair Kris Tierney conducted the meeting.

Superintendent Diann Jacox announced that Sarah Mauck's appointment to the commission had been approved and welcomed her. Chair Kris Tierney presented Sarah Mauck with a commissioner's notebook.

The notes from the September 20, 2007, meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Chris Stubbs announced that the planning team was in the process of incorporating comments from the NPS Washington Office. Once comments are incorporated, the document will be submitted for approval to print, and the Federal Register notice will be submitted to the Department of the Interior for approval.

The bulk of the meeting consisted of presentations by Justin Unger from the NPS Washington Office, Rich Fedorchak from the NPS Mather Training Center, and Lane Baker from the NPS Washington Office. They spoke on the future of the federal budget and the competition for fewer and fewer dollars; the need to be creative in reaching out to partners who can directly help parks or work with them to achieve common goals; and what might be an effective and economic approach to providing a law enforcement presence for Cedar Creek and Belle Gove National Historical Park. The notes, slides and handouts each one distributed at the meeting are attached to these meeting notes. Each one spoke to the challenges facing the National Park Service at a time of growing federal deficits, increased use of national parks, and of law enforcement challenges in a growing population. National park units must make difficult choices as budgets shrink and tighten. Partnering for mission accomplishment is the only possible way parks will be successful in the future.

There was no new business.

Superintendent Diann Jacox announced that Christine Andreae had painted the ornament for the park that is hanging on this year's White House Christmas tree, and that Ms. Andreae and her husband, commission member Fred Andreae, had attended a reception at the White House for the artists. The ornament was one of 391 ornaments commissioned by the White House celebrating their theme, "Holdiay in the National Parks." Article on the ornament, the artist, and the park have appeared in the *Northern Virginia Daily* and the *Winchester Star*.

The next meeting will be March 20, 2008, in the Middletown town hall.

Chair Kris Tierney adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Handouts provided at the December 13, 2007, meeting:

(handouts from the three speakers)

1. Common Terms Used in Federal Budgeting (Unger)
2. The Future of Federal Appropriations and the National Park Service (Unger)
3. The Language of Partnership (Fedorchak)
4. Partnering for Mission Accomplishment (Fedorchak)
5. National Park Service Jurisdiction and Authority (Baker)